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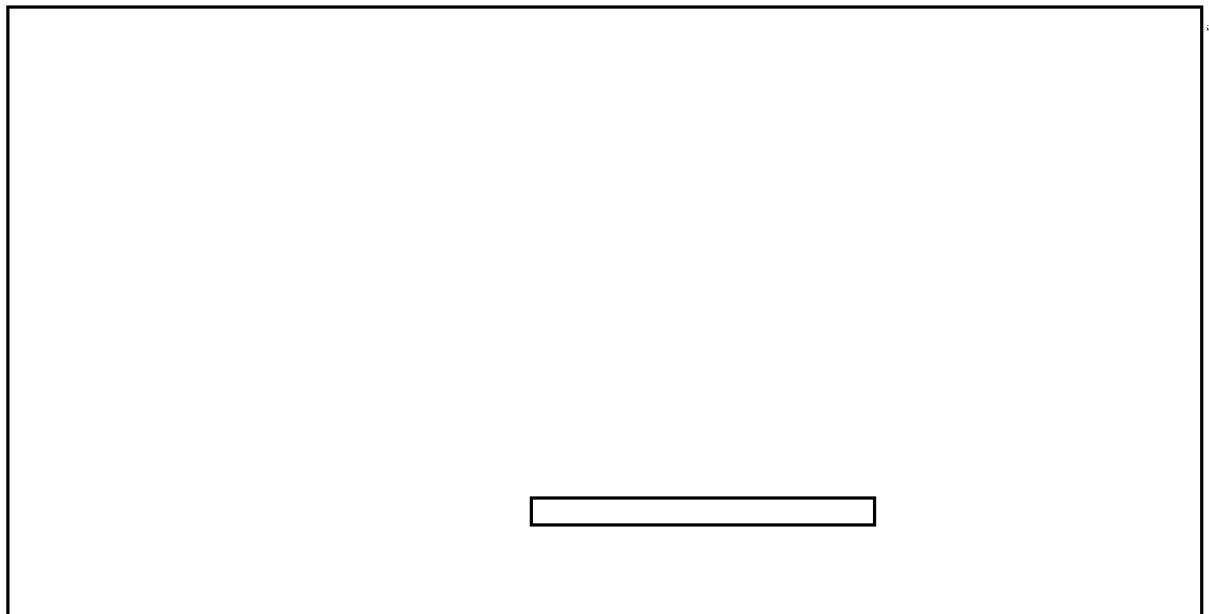
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I. Economic and Geographic Intelligence Production

B. Geographic

Geographic analyses were prepared on a number of vital Soviet guided missile, nuclear energy, and biological warfare installations. Further attention was devoted to essential background research in support of intelligence collection in these fields. The special problem of ascertaining Soviet missile deployment was treated in an analysis of the locations in the USSR from which the Soviets could threaten or reach the maximum number of vital military, population, and industrial targets in the United States with ballistic missiles of various ranges.

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Research continued on Soviet activities and intentions in Antarctica. Several reports on the direction of the Soviet effort and the implications of this for U.S. political and scientific interests in the area were prepared for planners, including the Operations Coordinating Board (OCB). Attention is also being given to related Soviet activities in the Arctic.

The efforts of the Soviets to improve geodetic location accuracies have been analyzed for several intelligence summaries and for national estimates. The USSR railroad network was outlined for the first time in a detailed map presentation which incorporated the mass of past and recent intelligence.

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continent. In the European Satellites, a program of production of regional studies covering problem areas of intelligence interest has begun. These include an analysis of industrialization of Slovakia and post-war developments in the Olstyn area of Poland (former German territory).

Research on the agroclimatic basis of Chinese agriculture is underway in support of the major intelligence problem of analyzing and evaluating Chinese Communist agricultural developments and production claims.

II. Major Intelligence Gaps

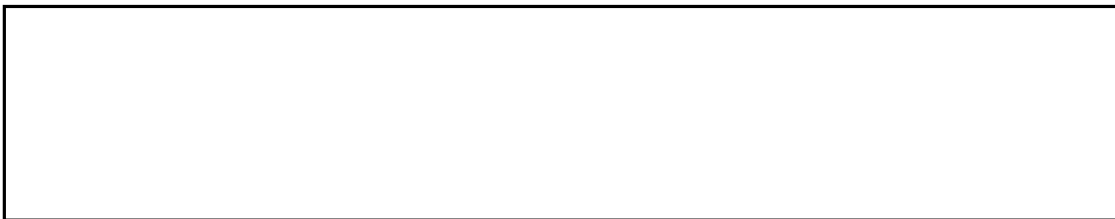
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The limited availability of accurate monitoring and assessment of unrest in Africa constitutes a major deficiency in reported information which is receiving increased intelligence community attention.

III. Dissemination and Utilization of ORR Products

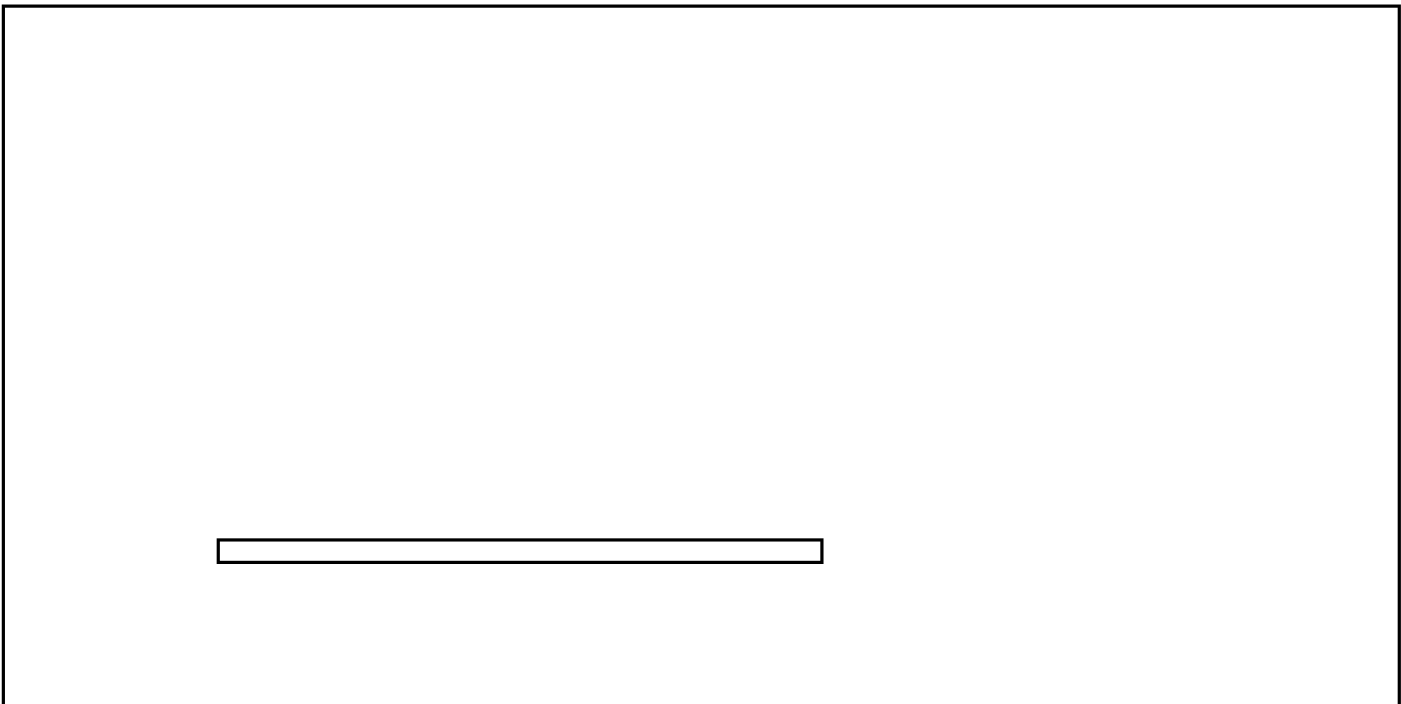
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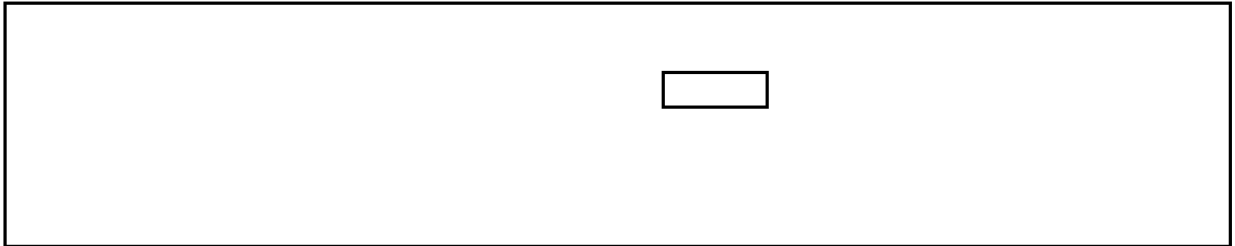
A letter of appreciation was received from the Commanding Officer, ATIC, on an intelligence presentation concerning Soviet motivations and their achievements in polar operations.

The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, noted that the detailed railroad map of the USSR "provides the only convenient up-to-date reference material on this subject."



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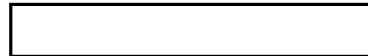
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